

**PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HOMEWORK POLICY**

Philosophy:

Homework is a valuable aid in helping students make the most of their school experience. Homework strengthens academic skills, reinforces concepts students learn in class, helps students learn responsibility and develop positive study habits, and helps parents stay aware of students' work.

Homework is an independent activity to be accomplished outside of the school day to reinforce concepts learned in class. Some homework may require parental help.

Unfinished class work or work missed due to absences, although accomplished outside of the school day, is not included in the school's definition of homework. Extra Curricular activities take a secondary role to homework.

Objectives:

1. To develop a student's higher level thinking skills.
2. To reinforce learning through practice.
3. To develop good study habits, self-discipline and a sense of responsibility.
4. To encourage independent learning.
5. To aid in the development of positive work habits.
6. To promote positive parental involvement.

Students' Responsibilities:

1. Make a list of homework assignments.
2. Assume responsibility for obtaining the proper resources and materials.
3. Take home all books and materials needed to complete the assignment.
4. Complete homework on time and to the best of his/her ability.
5. Complete unfinished class assignments.
6. Be aware that the content, appearance and correction of all assignments are important elements in the grading process.
7. Be responsible for finding out and making up work missed when absent.
8. Meet the deadline and understand the consequences.
9. Consult with his/her teachers when the total homework time exceeds reasonable limits. Budget time realistically.
10. In the absence of a specific daily assignment, the student should review, preview or improve his/her present assignment, work on long-term assignments, and read.

Parents' Responsibilities:

1. Arrange a quiet suitable area with adequate work space, for your child to work.
2. Encourage your child to complete homework assignments (in a timely manner) on time.
3. Emphasize to the child the value and importance of homework.
4. If a child requests, give assistance only until he/she can work adequately alone.
5. Be aware of teacher expectations in relation to homework assignments.

6. Communicate with teacher to clarify any homework concerns.

Teachers' Responsibilities:

1. Explain to the students and parents at the beginning of the school year and subsequently, if necessary, the homework policy and how it will be carried out in their respective classes.
2. Assign homework on a regular basis consistent with policy guidelines.
3. Properly evaluate, record and return every homework assignment within as short a time as possible after its completion. The results of evaluation should be reflected in the student's overall grade.
4. Give consideration to students who may not have adequate time for homework preparation due to religious observance, illness or school vacation.

Suggested Time Allotment:

The following guidelines have been established for the assignment of homework in the Plainfield Public Schools:

Grades K-2: 10 – 20 minutes each school night.

Grades 3-6: 30 – 60 minutes each school night.

Grades 7-12: In middle and high school, the amount of homework will vary by subject. Most middle and high school students will also have homework projects such as research papers and oral reports that may have deadlines weeks away. They may need help organizing assignments and planning work times to make sure homework is turned in on time.

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